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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

About twenty years ago the American Antiquarian Society published a "Partial Index" of its Proceedings (prepared by President Salisbury) from its foundation in 1812 to 1880, which has proved to be of great value to members and others having occasion to consult our publications.

At the same time the compiler of this publication prepared a table of the contents of the six volumes of Archæologia Americana, that had been issued up to that period, also a list of the "Proceedings" and minor publications of the Society from 1813 to 1883, with a brief table of their contents. Up to this time no index of the "Proceedings" had been made. Since then a full index has been printed with each volume.

In 1880, a new series of the "Proceedings" was begun, and the contents of the first two volumes were given in the publication above alluded to.

It seemed now that the time had come for a similar table to be prepared, bringing it down and including volume fifteen of the new series, which was completed in 1903. The present publication, which includes in its plan the two volumes just mentioned, has, at the request of President Salisbury, been undertaken by the writer, and is presented with the hope that it may prove of some value and convenience to our members and others interested in the work of the Antiquarian Society.

A somewhat different form from that of the first publication has been adopted in the present table, giving the contents of each volume more in detail. The subject

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matter of the reports of the Council and the more extended remarks of members are given more fully, and it is hoped will prove of use as a finding list, at least of the contents of the fifteen volumes of our "Proceedings," lately completed.

Brought together in these volumes are the proceedings of forty-four meetings of the Society and of the special meetings of the Council.

The compiler makes no claim to completeness in this publication, his only expectation being that it may prove a saving of time to those who desire to consult the fifteen volumes of "Proceedings" included in its scope.

Volume 7 of the Archæologia Americana, containing the Note Book of Thomas Lechford, lawyer in Boston, 1638-1641, was published by the Society in 1885. It was edited by Edward E. Hale, Jr., with a sketch of the life of Lechford by J. Hammond Trumbull.

In 1901, the Society published the Diary of Christopher Columbus Baldwin, who became a member in 1827, and was at once chosen temporary librarian and cabinet keeper. He was elected permanent librarian in 1832, which office he held till his death in August, 1835, which occurred while on his way to investigate the mounds of the Ohio Valley at the request of the Society.

There is now in course of publication by the Society, the Diary of its first President Isaiah Thomas, from 1805 to 1828, with voluminous notes by our associate Benjamin Thomas Hill. This volume will be of interest, not only as throwing light on the daily life of our first president and his interest in public affairs, but as giving many interesting facts relating to the history of the times.

The compiler desires to place on record the great assistance he has had in the preparation of this publication from Mrs. Mary R. Reynolds, our efficient assistant librarian. The Publishing Committee have given assistance in a revision of the work during publication. It has been

the custom of the Committee of Publication when extra imprints of papers presented to the Society by its members, were printed at the expense of the authors to have from twenty to thirty copies struck off for the use of the Society. This has often proved of use to those gentlemen who unexpectedly found their own copies exhausted, as many of these can be furnished by application to the Librarian.

A list of these reprints from the "Proceedings" of the Society since 1883, has been prepared and is presented herewith.

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